REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are currently pending. The Examiner has newly rejected Claims 14, 6-9, 11-15, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 28 under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Zimmerman in view of Matheny; has newly rejected Claims 19, 20, 23, and 24 under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Zimmerman in view of Matheny and further in view of Beaudet; and has indicated that Claims 5, 10, 16, 25, 26, and 27 are allowable, but objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

By this amendment, Applicants amend allowable Claims 5, 10, 16, and 25 to rewrite those claims in independent format including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In addition, Applicants have amended Claim 28 to include the limitations of the allowable Claim 25.

Applicants have canceled independent Claims 1, 9, 14, and 17, the limitations of which have been incorporated into Claims 5, 10, 16, and 25, respectively.

Finally, Applicants have amended the dependency of Claims 2-4, 6, 8, 11-13, 15, 18-19, and 21 to depend from the allowable independent claims, Claims 5, 10, 16 and 25.

Applicants believe that the amendments place all remaining claims in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and issuance of the remaining claims, Claims 2-8, 10-13, 15-16, and 18-28.

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